

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/AU 99/01095

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int Cl<sup>6</sup>: B62B 3/00, 7/04; B62D 7/14, 7/15

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC AS ABOVE

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| A         | DE 3514638 A (ARGUS-FILM GMBH) 30 October 1986<br>Whole document                   |                       |
| A         | SU 761343 A (BOSNIK) 7 September 1980<br>Whole document                            |                       |
| A         | US 4515380 A (ERNST WAGNER KG-FORDERTECHNIK) 7 May 1985<br>Whole document          |                       |



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| Patent Document Cited in Search Report |         | Patent Family Member |       |    |         |  |  |
|--|---------|----------------------|-------|----|---------|--|--|
| SU                                     | 761343  | NIL                  |       |    |         |  |  |
| DE                                     | 3514638 | NIL                  |       |    |         |  |  |
| US                                     | 4515380 | EP                   | 97278 | DE | 3223196 |  |  |
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT  
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| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br>40142081   | <b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>  | See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416). |
| International application No.<br>PCT/AU99/01095   | International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )<br>9 December 1999 | Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )<br>11 January 1999   |
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| 1.   | This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.   |   |   |    |                                   |     |   |    |   |   |   |    |  |     |   |      |  |
| 2.   | This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.<br><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).<br>These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).  |   |   |    |                                   |     |   |    |   |   |   |    |  |     |   |      |  |
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## I. Basis of the report

## 1 With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description, pages , as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the claims, pages , as originally filed,  
pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,  
pages , filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the drawings, pages , as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
pages , as originally filed  
pages , filed with the demand  
pages , received on with the letter of

## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig.

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

|                               |             |     |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Novelty (N)                   | Claims 1-10 | YES |
|                               | Claims      | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims 1-10 | YES |
|                               | Claims      | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-10 | YES |
|                               | Claims      | NO  |

**2 Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33(2)-(4) for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The prior art published before the priority date does not disclose all the features defined in claim 1 and hence claim as defined is considered to be novel. Because claims 2-10 are appended to claim 1, they are also considered to be novel.